

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,
Government X

v.

Case No. 8:13-CR-252-T-26 TBM

JOHN ANDREW WELDEN

 Evidentiary
 Trial
X Other (Bail Hearing)Defendant

EXHIBIT LIST				
Exhibit Number	Date Identified	Date Admitted	Witness	Description
1				Transcript of Recorded Telephone Conversation between Defendant and Lee on March 31, 2013.
2				Transcript of Recorded, Non-Custodial interview of the Defendant by HCSO detectives.
3				Transcript of Recorded Interview of Dr. Welden
4				CD containing portions of recorded conversations of the Defendant at the Pinellas County Jail as described in the United States' Response to Defendant's Motion for Pretrial Release



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Related Image - Detective Supplements

Attachment Description: **TRANSCRIBED CONTROLLED PHONE CALL**

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TRANSCRIBED CONTROLLED PHONE CALL

HCSO Case No. 13-180856

Remee Lee/John Andrew Welden

MATHEWSON *This is Detective Mathewson. Reference Case Number 13-180856. March 31st, 2013 at approximately 1937 hours. Remee Lee is, uh, gonna attempt a controlled phone call contacting John Andrew Welden, 12/15 of '84 or '85, he's twenty-eight years of...twenty-eight years old.*

(Phone ringing)

VOICE MAIL Please leave your message...(tone).

LEE *Should I try calling him again? I usually call a couple times.*

(INAUDIBLE)

(Phone ringing)

VOICE MAIL Please leave your mes...(tone).

(INAUDIBLE)

MATHEWSON *This is Detective Mathewson again. Remee Lee has just received a phone call from John Michael Welden.*

LEE *Andrew.*

MATHEWSON *An...John Andrew Welden. I apologize. And she's gonna call him back right now.*

(Phone ringing)

WELDEN Hello?

LEE Hey.

WELDEN Hey, what's going on?

LEE *Um...everything is wrong. Why haven't you picked up or returned my calls or anything? I've been ca...trying to get in contact you since yesterday. Don't you care?*

WELDEN Yes. I'm trying to get away right now.

LEE I'm not at home. I'm at the hospital.

WELDEN Where you at? (Pause) Which hospital?



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LEE TGH.

WELDEN You want me to head up there?

LEE For what? Why? Haven't you done enough?

WELDEN (Pause) Okay.

LEE You did this to me and you know this. Why...

WELDEN What's going on?

LEE ...did you do this to me? I'm really ill, Andrew. I'm in the hospital. I've been here all day since eight something in the morning. Why did you do this to me?

WELDEN I didn't do anything to you.

LEE Why didn't you give me Amoxicillin?

WELDEN I did.

LEE No, you didn't. It's not Amoxicillin.

WELDEN What? I'll come see you right now.

LEE Come and see me. Where did you get the pills?

WELDEN From the pharmacy.

LEE What pharmacy? Where? Why doesn't the...the bottle have a date on it?

WELDEN Why does the bottle have a date on it?

LEE Why doesn't it?

WELDEN I don't know.

LEE Why don't you know? Well, isn't this your profession? Isn't this what you've been doing?

WELDEN Yes. But I don't write out prescriptions.

LEE What pharmacy?



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WELDEN I didn't fill them.

LEE What pharmacy?

WELDEN I think it's Carrollwood Pharmacy.

LEE Where is it?

WELDEN It's...

LEE They...

WELDEN ...right off the corner of, uh...there's a Carrabba's there off a Dale Mabry.

LEE What's the name of it? I need to know it (INAUDIBLE).

WELDEN Carrollwood Pharmacy.

LEE I'm...I could get really sick right now, Andrew. You need to tell me what you gave me. It's not Amoxicillin. Just admit that. It's not. You don't take Amoxicillin sublingually.

WELDEN What is...what is going on?

LEE What do you mean what's going on?

WELDEN (INAUDIBLE) What is happening?

LEE They're saying it's not Amoxicillin, Andrew. They know it's not. (Pause)
What did you give...

WELDEN No. What are they saying's happening to you?

LEE To me? What does it matter? You're happy, you got what you wanted. You didn't want this baby.

WELDEN Well it matters to me..

LEE Why?

WELDEN What is happening? Are you still bleeding? Are you hemorrhaging? What's going on?

LEE (Pause) What do you...you...

WELDEN Are you hemorrhaging?



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LEE The pills killed this baby, Andrew. It's still inside me but now it doesn't have a heartbeat because whatever you gave me stopped the blood flow to it. Because you know that that's what it was supposed to do. It's a white hexagon pill and it's not Amoxicillin.

(Pause)

WELDEN The...did they do a sonogram?

LEE Yes. It's still inside me but it doesn't have a heartbeat because of the pill...

WELDEN What...

LEE ...that you gave me.

(Pause)

WELDEN Oh my God.

LEE You did this to me, though. Why did you do this? You didn't have to have anything to do with the child. I would've raised it on my own. Why did you give me those pills and lie to me like this? You could...

WELDEN I didn't wanna do anything to you, Remees.

LEE But you did. You gave me this fully knowing...and then you tried to come and get them back.

WELDEN I was gonna take anything back that you took that made you sick.

LEE Well it made me really sick and now our baby's dead. Because of you. Because you gave me these pills and made...you killed it. All the pills are scratched off, Andrew. Why? (Pause) They know...

WELDEN (INAUDIBLE)

LEE ...that this is something to induce a miscarriage. And it did. Why did you do this to me?

WELDEN No. Remees, I'm so sorry.

LEE No, you're not.

WELDEN I'll...



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LEE You don't care about me at all. You knew this.

WELDEN ...well I'll pay for whatever it's...

LEE Pay for whatever?

WELDEN (INAUDIBLE)

LEE There is no paying for whatever. I can't have my child. I'll never get to hold my child because of you. And you being selfish. Why did you do this?

WELDEN No. Reme, if you want a child, I'll...I'll help you have a child.

LEE How?

WELDEN You know exactly how.

LEE What do you mean I know exactly how? You didn't want this. What does Tara have to say about it? I know you didn't tell her. Did you tell Tara about this pregnancy?

WELDEN (Pause) We tr...yeah, we kinda discussed it.

LEE Then why is just...no. I don't...I don't believe you. I think you're full of crap. You know you're full of crap. You're a liar.

WELDEN She found all the pregnancy tests in my car.

LEE Oh what?

WELDEN And all the (INAUDIBLE). (INAUDIBLE) everything.

LEE I don't believe you. I just don't. And so she's okay with it? So we can have another baby together?

WELDEN No, she's not...she's not okay with it. She hates my guts right now.

LEE I hate your guts right now, too, because you killed my baby. Why did you do this to me? Why did you give me the wrong pills? Why did you switch out the pills?

WELDEN I didn't mean to do anything to you, Reme.

LEE But you did. You could've killed me, Andrew. I don't know what this is. I



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trusted you. You brought me those pills. You were acting really nice. You called me to check up and make sure I ate 'em. I ate 'em. Within two hours I was on the floor and I'm bleeding. You knew this.

WELDEN I asked you if you took the B6.

LEE No. You asked me if I put the one under my tongue and how it tasted. You asked me what it tasted like.

WELDEN No. (INAUDIBLE) If you take B6 and you drink plenty a water with it.

LEE No. We're referring to the, quote, unquote, Amoxicillin that is not Amoxicillin. It's not. They told me right here at the hospital, at TGH, that it's not Amoxicillin. It's...something that starts with a C. And it's meant to cause, either if you're going into labor it'll induce it if you're in your late months or if it's early on and they...they wanna give it to me again to flush out this baby.

WELDEN No!

LEE Yes. Yes, you did. Just admit it. Just tell me the truth so that way I can get the proper medical attention. I'm really scared. (Pause) How could you do this?

WELDEN (INAUDIBLE) Now I'm scared.

LEE No you're not.

WELDEN (INAUDIBLE)

LEE You're full of crap and you're a liar.

WELDEN Yes I am.

LEE No you're not. You don't care about me at all. You just wanted me to get outta the way so you could go be with Tara and not have to worry about this or pay for this. You didn't want it.

WELDEN Pay for what? You're...(INAUDIBLE)...the kid that we're gonna have?

LEE Yeah. I know you didn't wanna have anything to do with it.

WELDEN (Pause) I didn't have a choice.

LEE Yes. Well...exactly. And you knew I wouldn't do anything to hurt it on purpose. What pills was your...Lenora talking about? Was it this? Is she in on it, too?



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WELDEN No. God no.

LEE I don't believe you. Uh, uh, no. Okay, I do believe you on that. I don't think Lenora or your father would ever do anything like this. This is all you. You're an evil man. I've been in the hospital in tears all day. I had to talk to a Chaplain. It's been ridiculous.

(Pause)

LEE You don't have anything to say? You don't care at all.

WELDEN No. What do you want me to do, Remee?

LEE I want you to...

WELDEN Do you want me...

LEE ...tell me the truth. Admit it. Admit that you gave me the wrong pill to cause this mis...carriage. Just admit it.

WELDEN I don't know.

LEE Admit it. It's not the same pills. It's not the same pills, Andrew. You don't take Amoxicillin sublingually. You're a doctor, you should know this. Are you even a doctor? Do you even go to USF? Do you even work at TGH? Do you even work at Florida Hospital?

(Pause)

WELDEN (INAUDIBLE)

LEE No?

(Pause)

WELDEN I don't know what's going on.

LEE What do you mean you don't know what's going on? Answer the fucking question, Andrew. Do you work at...

WELDEN Everything is...is upside down.

LEE Yes. Because of you...because of you. I had a living, heartbeating baby on Thursday and now I don't.



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(Pause)

LEE What did you give me to do this?

WELDEN I'll je...I'll give you another one like whatever you want.

LEE How the hell? Why would I ever let you close to me, let alone near me, inside me again? You're a monster! (Pause) And you know that. Don't you?

WELDEN (Pause) Yeah, I guess I'm a monster.

LEE You were talking about going to church and redeeming yourself. Yeah, how could you be such a hypocrite while I'm sitting in your car and you gave me these pills? You knew exactly what this is gonna do. Did you not? Just admit it.

WELDEN (Pause) No, I didn't know anything was gonna cause you to lose the baby, cause you to go in pain or anything like that.

LEE I don't believe you. You're full of crap. You knew this. You've been to school, you've studied this. You always talk nerdy to me. If you didn't switch the pills, who did? Did...did you fill the prescription for me?

WELDEN No, I didn't (INAUDIBLE) anything like that.

LEE What?

WELDEN I (INAUDIBLE). A pharmacy does that.

LEE How did you even fill my prescription anyway? Then how did you get the pills?

WELDEN We called it in.

LEE Then who...then who picked 'em up?

WELDEN I did.

LEE How did you pick up a name...a prescription under me?

WELDEN I can if it's for something that's not a narcotic. If it doesn't (INAUDIBLE) I can pick it up.

LEE It's not what it was then. If they gave you Amoxicillin you switched it because it's not what it was. (Pause) Why did you do this to me? You know I wanted this baby.



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WELDEN We...what do we need to do, Reme? Tell me what we need to do.

LEE I need to know what I took so they can treat me. What did I take?

WELDEN I don't know...then.

LEE So you...so you don't know what you put in the bottle?

WELDEN (INAUDIBLE)

LEE You don't know what you put in the bottle then? Where did you...

WELDEN (INAUDIBLE) like I...

LEE It's something to mis...to have miscarriages. You should know what it is. Don't play stupid with me.

WELDEN Then what...what...what are they doing for therapy right now?

LEE What can they do? There is nothing to do. The baby is dead, Andrew. It's dead. It doesn't have a heartbeat. It's in there, it grew, it doesn't have a heartbeat now because of the pills you gave me. (Pause) Why did you murder our baby like that? Why? Just tell me that. Why have you done all of this to me? Why did you lead me on? Why did you...any of this? What was the point? (Pause) Do you even care about me?

WELDEN Yes.

LEE Do you love me?

WELDEN I know...I know you hate me.

LEE Do you love me?

WELDEN (Pause) Yes.

LEE Are you in love...

WELDEN Yes.

LEE ...with me?

WELDEN (Pause) I don't know.

LEE Uh...



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WELDEN This...the call, last two weeks like our whole relationship's been flipped upside down.

LEE Because of you. Because of you. That's the only reason. I was undying to you. And you know that, right? Do you still have that book of songs I wrote you? I don't even think you probably do.

WELDEN Yes.

LEE Yeah, I want it.

WELDEN Yes I do.

LEE You knew I was all about you. I trusted you with every heart and soul of my being. Right?

WELDEN Yes.

LEE You know I was only all about you. You know I wanted to marry you, right?

WELDEN (Pause) Well...yeah, I mean...I know...I (INAUDIBLE) and how close we were, yes.

LEE Why did it change? When did it change? That night we had the conversation, right?

WELDEN I guess kinda cause it...you put it in perspective like...how I really...parts of your life.

LEE Yes. You [REDACTED] up my life. That is safe to say. Did you not? You know you led me on. You know you hid me behind Tara's back. Tara was your number one choice, that's all you were worried about.

WELDEN Well it doesn't matter now.

LEE What? Za...exactly because you did something really bad to me. You know the last night that we talked, we talked about loyalty and you know I told you I was really upset about you going back and forth, it was hurting my feelings, you know I wanted you to make a decision and you did. You wanted to pursue a relationship with Tara. Correct? (Pause) Well why did you still [REDACTED] me and [REDACTED] inside me right after?

WELDEN (Pause) Cause I'm a horrible person. That's what I told you. What...

LEE I know that. But you know what..



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WELDEN Yeah.

LEE ...I still didn't even believe you after that. I still believed that you loved me after that. I still even...but then the next day or so I took that pregnancy test, is that when you went to Memphis, like right after that conversation? Is...when did you leave? On Thursday or Friday?

WELDEN On Friday.

LEE Why didn't you talk to me all day on Thursday then? Were you busy with Tara?

WELDEN No. I was busy getting everything ready to go.

LEE Why didn't you invite me to Memphis with you? Why couldn't I go to Memphis and be with you?

WELDEN (Pause) I guess after the conversation I...like I realized how much it...built up animosity you had towards me that you never actually say.

LEE No.

WELDEN You know, to that breaking point.

LEE But I didn't have animosity towards you. You...

WELDEN When you...

LEE No, I didn't. I was very supportive of you. I never gave you [REDACTED] Ever. For all of (INAUDIBLE).

WELDEN But I felt like inside I made you so frustrated emotionally.

LEE Because you jerked my chain, Andrew. You're sitting here. I miss you, you know, you come over to my house, we have all these good times. We, you know, cuddle, we watch TV, we never watch movies there because we can't even be quiet.

WELDEN Uh-huh.

LEE And I thought that you were the person I wanted to spend the rest of my life with. I loved you. You were everything to me. You're the most special, the most handsome, everything. You're everything I wanted and more. And you know this. Uh, you've seen me change my life around. I went from being a



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Class Act stripper, dancer, where you met me, to now look. What...what do you have to say about how I am now?

WELDEN (Pause) I know who you are now.

LEE Who am I now?

WELDEN I know...you're courageous and you're funny and you're...fearless of anything. Like I know that.

LEE But did I change...

WELDEN (INAUDIBLE)

LEE ...my life around?

WELDEN ...real hard to change that life. I wasn't oblivious to...like you said, it...it...uh, (INAUDIBLE) wanted to drink, who wouldn't wanna do that? Sit there and drink and you...I realize you gave it up just cause you felt like...I didn't like it. I don't...that is kinda what I wanted. I wanted you to...do something on...(INAUDIBLE).

LEE I did it for both of us. I did it for our future. I wanted to be someone that you (INAUDIBLE), that you'd be proud to hold on your arm. I didn't wanna make those mistakes. I prayed for something I love more than alcohol and God sent me you. (Pause) I thought. (Pause) And then, you know, when I quit drinking this last time, you know, I still craved for something and I got blessed with something I loved more than you, more than myself, more than anything.

(Pause)

LEE Why did you do this to my baby? Our baby. Why?

WELDEN (Pause) I didn't do anything. I never wanted anyone to get hurt or anything.

LEE That's not what all the other med...you...before Friday you had a completely different story. Even on Thursday you were begging me to terminate this pregnancy.

WELDEN Where, in the car?

LEE You...yeah. You...you were sad, you were crying, you were about to cry in your dad's doctor's office...when you saw it in there. You know you weren't excited. You didn't want this. You didn't want Tara to find out. Then why did you wait to tell her? You know. It's...it...up to this point.



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WELDEN (Pause) What did you want me to do, hear it and then turn around and just tell her?

LEE Yeah. Why not? Cause it was coming.

WELDEN Yeah.

LEE You picked the cowardly approach. You killed it without...so you could get away with it.

(Pause)

WELDEN I don't wanna get away with anything. And every day that...we...uh, on Saturday when we were talking, then you did this...(INAUDIBLE) do you think I would just be gone from you.

LEE You...

WELDEN That I would never talk to you, ever again.

LEE Well you certainly would...why would you tell Tara that? Oh, I'm gonna go hang out with that girl I was [REDACTED] behind your back the whole time and go help her and hang out with her. No. You woulda continued to lie to both of us. (Pause) You wanted to have your cake and eat it, too. Right?

WELDEN Yes. I guess I've just become...(pause) every...I guess everything I hate.

LEE You killed my baby. Why did you do that to me? I'll never get to hold him. We won't get to know if it was a boy or a girl. Uh, ne...what pills are these? Where'd they...

WELDEN I've probably thought about it a million times like...is it a boy, is it a girl? Is it gonna have dark hair? Is it gonna have blue eyes? Is it gonna have green eyes?

LEE I stayed...

WELDEN Like I can't...I can't describe how many thought I've already had about it.

LEE Then you need to help me find who gave me these pills. Did your dad do this?

WELDEN (Pause) Huh?

LEE Did your dad give me these pills? Who put the pills in the other bottle?

WELDEN (INAUDIBLE) my dad would never do it. Anything...



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LEE Exactly.

WELDEN ...like that.

LEE No, you did, though. You did and you know it. And you're gonna burn in hell for knowing that. And you know that. You took away my child. (Pause) Why don't you have anything to say?

WELDEN It's ours.

LEE It was ours and you didn't want it. And you made that perfectly clear to me... by your expression before and by giving me these pills that terminated my pregnancy.

(Pause)

LEE Well?

(Pause)

WELDEN No, I didn't...got a lucky rock from my sister today. Saying this would be all the luck I would need. Which...uh, like I showed that even...telling my little sister what was going on.

LEE What? That you were having a baby out of wedlock with some whore that you met at the Class Act?

WELDEN I'm not married (chuckling). It's...

LEE So?

WELDEN ...and I guess...yeah, I guess it was, uh, me, um...me admitting to my sister... my little sister...

LEE And now you're not gonna have a baby.

WELDEN(INAUDIBLE).

LEE You're not gonna have a baby now. They told me this pregnancy is over. There's nothing I can do to save it. Because of the medicine you gave me. They're gonna send it to a lab, Andrew.

(Pause)

LEE They already know what it is.



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WELDEN I'm sure.

LEE Well why can't you just admit what it is?

(Pause)

WELDEN What do you want me to say?

LEE I want you to tell me the truth. What did you give me?

WELDEN You want me to go to jail or do whatever.

LEE Nobody said anything like that. Why would you go to jail if you gave me Amoxicillin?

WELDEN You know.

LEE You know what? (Pause) What did you give me?

WELDEN You know that's exactly what you'll try to do.

LEE What did you give me?

WELDEN (INAUDIBLE)

LEE They're gonna find out. What did you give me?

(Pause)

LEE What did you give me?

(Pause)

LEE I won't hold this against you. Do you really...

WELDEN Yeah you will. (INAUDIBLE) you will.

LEE Well, if you admit it and apologize, we could move on and have another baby then. Do you really wanna have a baby with me now?

WELDEN If that's what you want.

LEE I want...

WELDEN You know that's what you want.



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LEE ...I wanted this baby more than anything. What did...what did you give me,
Andrew?

(Pause)

LEE What is it?

WELDEN (INAUDIBLE)

LEE I own it...what is it?

WELDEN I don't know.

LEE What do you mean you don't know? They can't even confirm it cause it's
scratched off. All of it's scratched off. (Pause) What...

WELDEN Really, my life's over.

LEE What is it? What did you give me?

WELDEN It doesn't matter. My life's over.

LEE Well my life is almost over. Will this kill me?

WELDEN No.

LEE Wh...

WELDEN No way it's gonna kill you.

LEE But it will...could kill a baby, right?

WELDEN I hope not.

LEE What do you mean, you hope not? What is the pill?

WELDEN The baby's (INAUDIBLE).

LEE What is the pill?

WELDEN I don't know.

LEE How don't you know? That's [REDACTED] What is it?

WELDEN I thought it's Amoxicillin.



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LEE It's not Amoxicillin and you know that. What did you give me?

WELDEN Re...Remee, my (chuckle)...my life's over.

LEE Why is your life over?

WELDEN We both know it is.

LEE Why?

WELDEN I just deconstructed everything in my life.

LEE How?

WELDEN This is happening. Like...

LEE How...

WELDEN ...(INAUDIBLE) what a piece of shit I am.

LEE How did you de...

WELDEN Everything.

LEE Uh, no. You still haven't told me what the pill you gave me was.

 (Pause)

WELDEN You know I just want you...I just wanna kill myself (crying).

LEE Okay, you...

WELDEN Me not being here anymore.

LEE Why?

WELDEN I can't handle any of this anymore.

LEE Why? But why? Because you know you did something bad?

 (Pause)

LEE You took away my baby. Our baby. Memphis Remington Welden was gonna be its name.



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LEE What did you give me, Andrew?

WELDEN Uh...(pause)

LEE We all make mistakes. Just...can you just be honest with me for once? We're good enough friends. I love you very much. No matter what ever happens, I s...I can't...

WELDEN I love you, too, Remee.

LEE ...ever hate you. But I would...uh, I can't even ever believe you, Andrew. You know I was so excited about this child and you knew it and...I didn't want anything from you, I just wanted to have it. And I wanted to do it even for you, like I wa...

WELDEN I just wanted your friendship. Like I...loved the friend you are.

LEE I was a really good friend to you. But you weren't a very good friend to me. You gave...you lied to me and you brought me that pill and you made me eat it, you made sure I ate it and it wasn't what it said it was. I can forgive you, you just have to be honest with me. Pleeeeeease. I'm begging you.

WELDEN I'm just gonna burn in hell for everything.

LEE Tell me what you gave me.

WELDEN Remee, I don't expect you to ever forgive me for anything.

LEE Tell me what you gave me.

(Pause)

LEE What did you give me?

(Pause)

WELDEN I just wanted us to still be friends.

LEE How we still gonna be friends, though, in a way, after you murdered my baby? You know you gave me something that you weren't supposed to. You didn't want the baby. I wish you woulda been...you know, if you would told me all this...I...oh no, I take that back, I want...I wanted to have the baby and I was stubborn but you took a cowardly way out and you took advantage of me. You took advantage of my trust. You took advantage that I believed you.



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LEE Can you say something, please?

WELDEN Yes.

LEE Say something then.

(Pause)

WELDEN I...that's what I wanted to tell you this evening like...I can't...I can't handle any of this (crying). Like...(pause) I don't know, I (INAUDIBLE), my palms are sweaty, I can't think, I can't do anything.

LEE So you took...so you gave me a pill to terminate the pregnancy? Without me knowing?

WELDEN No.

LEE You j...just wanted to terminate the baby but not hurt me. Right?

WELDEN I mean...would never wanna hurt you.

LEE Just the baby?

WELDEN No.

LEE I don't believe you. That's your whine, nooooo. That's got too many Os in it. Just tell me what you gave me.

(Pause)

LEE Please.

(Pause)

LEE I'm gonna get...I gotta hear the results from you. Or tell...hear what you gave me rather than hear it when they toxicology report the pill. (Pause) If you ever wanna rebuild our relationship. If you really loved me.

(Pause)

WELDEN Will we have a relationship?

LEE Yes. I'll always be there.



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(Pause)

WELDEN I don't want you to hate me forever.

LEE Just be honest with me.

(Pause)

WELDEN (Sighing)

LEE I'm waiting.

(Pause)

WELDEN It's the end of my life.

LEE What?

WELDEN It's the end of my life.

LEE No. I'm waiting to hear what you have to say. What did you give me?

(Pause)

LEE Andrew, what did you give me?

(Pause)

LEE Please tell me. Please. Why are you doing this to me? Please tell me.

WELDEN I can't even...I...I'll...I'll go to jail and ruin everything.

LEE What did you give me? Why would you go to jail if it was Amoxicillin?

WELDEN You know.

LEE I don't know.

WELDEN Yeah, you do.

LEE What did you give me?

(Pause)

LEE What did you give me?



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(Pause)

LEE What did you give me, Andrew?

(Pause)

WELDEN Uh...Cyotec.

LEE Thank you. Why did you give me Cyotec?

WELDEN Why?

LEE Why?

(Pause)

WELDEN I (INAUDIBLE) coward.

LEE Why did you do that then?

WELDEN And I'm scared.

LEE But you did that behind my back knowing that I would have this miscarriage, right?

WELDEN I didn't...I didn't know what that was or not.

LEE Yeah, you did. And that's why you told me to take a couple of 'em. Right?

(Pause)

LEE You told me to keep taking 'em for how many days? Three times a day for three days? Right?

(Pause)

WELDEN I'm just a horrible person, Reme.

LEE You're right. You really are.

WELDEN I am. I am.

LEE What is...what is that, though? It's to cause miscarriages, right?

(Pause)



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WELDEN No. It causes...I guess it causes contractions.

LEE And you know you're not supposed to give that to someone until they're giving birth, right? Probably not someone that's six weeks and six days along.

(Pause)

LEE You should tell me the whole truth. Start from the beginning so we can work on fixing this.

WELDEN I am terrible.

LEE Where did you get the pills from?

(Pause)

WELDEN I had them.

LEE Why would have you that?

WELDEN Cause I talked to somebody else who...had them and he said that's what they did and...

LEE Why would you give them to me?

WELDEN Cause I'm a [REDACTED] idiot.

LEE But...

WELDEN And I'm selfish and I'm the devil.

LEE But you knew...did you think that it would hurt me?

WELDEN No.

LEE But you knew it would hurt our baby?

WELDEN I didn't know what it was actually gonna do.

LEE That...that's [REDACTED]. How do you mean you don't know that. If you just talked to someone that had them and that's what they did and you know what they do and you have a medical background, how did you think that the baby would survive? You know, you're taking away the good medicine that the baby needed for the bacterial infection and you replaced it with something that killed it.



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(Pause)

WELDEN I know.

LEE Do your dad or mom know about this?

WELDEN (Pause) No.

LEE Did I even have an infection?

WELDEN Yes.

LEE But...

WELDEN But I assumed it was probably from the yeast infection you had.

LEE But why would you give me the Cyotec to get rid of it? (Pause) How was that gonna get rid of the infection?

WELDEN To do...it wasn't...it was me being evil.

LEE But now I don't have a baby. Well I have a baby inside of me still. But do you known what they're gonna have to do? Yeah, you know what they're gonna have to do. You know what I'm gonna have to go through.

(Pause)

WELDEN I ne...I never wanted any pain for you, Reme.

LEE How can you say that you never wanted any pain for me when you saw me crying all day yesterday about me losing my child?

WELDEN I know.

LEE And you knew about the abortion I had previously. You knew how badly that affected me. (Pause) And I told you that I wouldn't back down and I wouldn't have a miscar...I wouldn't have an abortion. So you did this to me. You took th...everything into your own hands cause you wanted to get rid of it.

(Pause)

LEE You knew it.

WELDEN Yeah, I...took the selfish, cowardly way to try to...(chuckle)...try to fix like but it's not...I made it even worse. For everybody.



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LEE Were your parents really ugly about the baby coming?

WELDEN (INAUDIBLE) They understood.

LEE They excited? (Pause) I know your dad was.

WELDEN I mean my dad, you know, kinda was, I guess.

LEE He seemed like it when he saw it in there.

WELDEN I guess cause he thought now he could relate to me on that level.

LEE But why did you take this away from him? Why did you take this away from me and my parents? And my grandparents.

(Pause)

WELDEN I guess I was totally selfish.

LEE Did you know I wanted the baby?

WELDEN (INAUDIBLE) about me. When...(pause), you know that was...(INAUDIBLE) anybody. I'm not that important...to only worry about myself. I mean...

LEE Why didn't you want the baby?

WELDEN ...look...

LEE Well why didn't you want the baby?

WELDEN Why didn't I what?

LEE Why didn't you want the baby?

WELDEN It isn't in a sense that I didn't...

LEE You didn't want it with me.

WELDEN ...(INAUDIBLE)

LEE You didn't want it with me. (Crying) Just say it, you didn't want it with me.

WELDEN No. I didn't want a separated home.

LEE But why do we have to be separated? Why couldn't we just be together?



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(Pause)

WELDEN I guess cause after that talk and everything and that being the last thing said and then that coming up.

LEE Then why is it different now?

WELDEN We (INAUDIBLE)...we were gonna force something to try to happen.

LEE I didn't want to force a relationship with you anyway. If you wanted to go be with Tara, that's fine, go be with Tara. I woulda had my kid and I woulda been fine with that. You...I told you already, I woulda told my parents it was someone else's, I wouldn't have bothered you for money. I wouldn't have bothered you at all.

WELDEN But I didn't want...I didn't wanna be that guy...

LEE So you're gonna be the guy that goes...

WELDEN ...that (INAUDIBLE) just like my dad, he just doesn't even give a [REDACTED] about you.

LEE So you're gonna...

WELDEN Cause I had a mom like that.

LEE ...so you're gonna be the guy that goes and just kills the baby without even letting me know? To save your own precious hide.

(Pause)

LEE Right?

(Pause)

WELDEN I guess if...if I saved anything I didn't really save anything.

LEE Now I'm at the hospital. And it does mean some...it means something to me. You're the love of my life. You know, why are you talking about having another baby now? Can we really have another one? Will you really come over later and can we have a nice night together?

WELDEN Yes.

LEE Do you love me? Like do you wanna be with me now?



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WELDEN I wanted...(pause) like the other night ago, I just wanted to lay there with you. And just sit there with you. Cause it...you were back to being you.

LEE What do you mean, back to being me?

WELDEN The other night you were funny and...you make me (INAUDIBLE).

LEE I loved you, Andrew. Like what was so better about T...like why aren't you gonna be with Tara now?

WELDEN (Pause) I...I don't think she'll...ever wanna talk to me.

LEE Have...

WELDEN And I don't blame her.

LEE What all did she say?

WELDEN She is [REDACTED] furious. Duh.

LEE What'd you tell her?

WELDEN She guessed.

LEE What did she guess?

WELDEN (Pause) She saw the pregnancy test. She saw the pre-natals, so she guessed.

LEE What did she guess?

WELDEN It's that girl. You got her pregnant, didn't you?

LEE And what did you say?

WELDEN (Heavy sighing) Yeah.

LEE And did you tell her what you did to me?

WELDEN No.

LEE She's a good person. She probably wouldn't condone you killing a baby, right?

WELDEN Right.

LEE But you killed my baby.



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(Pause)

LEE Right?

(Pause)

WELDEN (Heavy sighing)

LEE You killed my baby, right?

WELDEN I sure killed a part of myself, yeah.

LEE Yep. And you killed a part of Rosie and you killed a part of Eddie. And you killed a part of your dad. You killed a part of PawPaw Lee. You killed a part of my nana. You ta...you killed a part of my great nana. That...I've never had someone do something so awful to me in my whole entire life, Andrew. Ever. I've been through so much pain and suffering and you weren't even here. You couldn't be bothered with me. You stopped responding because...did you spend the whole day with Tara?

(Pause)

WELDEN Umph...(INAUDIBLE), no.

LEE Right. Right, right. Happy [REDACTED] Easter, right?

(Pause)

WELDEN Yeah.

LEE So you wanna try and work it out with me now cause you don't have that other option?

WELDEN No, I'm not saying that.

LEE So you don't wanna work it out with me?

(Pause)

WELDEN I want us to just be us like...then work on that.

LEE What, just being friends that [REDACTED]?

WELDEN And I know you...I will have to earn your trust again.



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LEE I don't know how you're ever gonna earn my trust again. I...I mean, Andrew...

WELDEN Yeah.

LEE You gave me a medicine in a pill bottle that wasn't...

WELDEN (Heavy sighing)

LEE ...what it was supposed to be. You went and got pills from somebody and then you scratched them off and you gave them to me in a bottle and you let me take them. Right?

(Pause)

LEE Right?

(Pause)

WELDEN Yeah, yeah.

LEE Why did...you know, what were you thinking? What thoughts were going through your head while you're sitting there with twenty-eight pills or however many, scratching them all off?

(Pause)

LEE What were you thinking?

(Pause)

WELDEN I guess I was just completely pathetic and desperate and...

LEE When did you even do that?

WELDEN I never should have...I just never shoulda done any of this.

LEE But when did you do it? Like right before you came to my house with all those other vitamins and stuff?

(Pause)

LEE I just wanna understand what you're thinking so I can try and...I just...this is gonna [REDACTED] me up emotionally like...damn, dude, I...I [REDACTED] loved you. With everything. I wanted your last name. I...I mean...and that doesn't have anything to do with the baby. The baby was no means to capture you or get



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anything from you. Or to ruin your relationship with Tara. It was a blessing to me. Why would you take that away from me?

(Pause)

WELDEN I guess I didn't realize how much it did mean to you.

LEE How the...

WELDEN Till I saw you yesterday.

LEE ... (screaming) how the [REDACTED] do you mean it didn't... how... how the [REDACTED] do you even mean anything like that? You [REDACTED] did this shit. How you think it's gonna be?

WELDEN Like... (pause) I didn't... I knew that baby... (INAUDIBLE)...

LEE That baby meant everything to me.

WELDEN ...gave you something that you didn't have.

LEE You what?

WELDEN And... I squandered it for you. And...

LEE You ruined my life.

WELDEN I know.

LEE Why would you do this to me?

WELDEN But I just [REDACTED] up my own life (crying).

LEE You might have, Andrew. I don't know what's gonna happen now. (Pause) You know we coulda had a wonderful life. Whether or not we were together or not, we coulda still been really good friends and had a wonderful child. Now we're never gonna see what he or she looks like. You know the Chaplain had to give me a prayer (crying) for it. They're gonna have to take it out surgically. (Pause) I'm gonna have to tell all the people at my work it's gone. They're all so excited for me. (Pause) Why would you do this to me?

WELDEN I'm sorry I ruined everything, Remee.

(Pause)

LEE I'm gonna have to go. I... I gotta be... here's a doctor. Can we get together later?



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Will you come visit me?

WELDEN Whenever...you want.

LEE I miss you.

WELDEN I...I will.

LEE I miss you. (Pause) I love you.

WELDEN (Pause) I miss you, too. I'm sorry.

LEE No you're not, though, you ki...you did this to me.

WELDEN Yeah, I'm sorry I ruined everything (sobbing) for you.

LEE But you...but you ruined my chance to be a mommy. (Pause) You ruined your own baby. It's in there and it has no heartbeat.

WELDEN (INAUDIBLE)

LEE It...it had one. What are you gonna tell your dad?

WELDEN (Crying)

(Pause)

LEE Where are you?

WELDEN I just...(INAUDIBLE).

LEE Huh?

WELDEN I'm walking down the street.

LEE Are you...I don't know how I'm ever gonna trust you again, you know. If you're gonna kill this baby this way, whose to say if I didn't take those pills you don't come to my house with a gun?

WELDEN (INAUDIBLE)

LEE Or put a hit on me. (Pause) You know? You didn't care about me. Or what if I woulda bled out? You know that stuff took my vision away. Did you know that it does that? (Pause) All night my vision kept going away. I kept seeing white and everything got fuzzy. When I got up to go to the bathroom I almost fell down and hit my head on that cage. What would you have done then?



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(Pause)

WELDEN If something serious woulda happened to you...yeah, I don't know.

LEE You don't...

WELDEN I would've...lost it. I don't know.

LEE But it woulda been your fault. If Rosie has to come in and find my...her daughter blue on the ground. Over nothing. Over nothing. Over a miracle. Over a blessing. Over the best gift that we could've had. You would've loved the baby once you saw it. (Pause) You don't think so? You didn't love it at all?

WELDEN I know I would.

LEE Now we don't get that opportunity, though. And I...uh...how we gonna really make another one? How is this...I'd love another one but I don't think that that's...now all of this is just too late now. (Pause) Why didn't you tell me this yesterday when you came over and tried to get the pills? You know, why did you say that the baby was gonna be okay?

WELDEN Cause I really...I really still thought that.

LEE How'd you...

WELDEN And...

LEE ...how did you still think that? When you see the clots of blood on my hand? When I'm crying and showing you all this blood.

(Pause)

LEE How could you think that baby was still alive?

(Pause)

WELDEN (Sniffing)

LEE Is that why you wanted the pills back?

(Pause)

WELDEN I guess so. Yeah, I was ashamed.

LEE Huh?



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WELDEN I was just ashamed of myself.

LEE I think you wanted to cover your tracks.

WELDEN I still am.

LEE I think you just didn't want me to know what it was. I think that you thought that you could give me these pills, I would have a miscarriage, I would be dev...devastated and I wouldn't even ask any questions.

(Pause)

LEE Well? Is that what it was?

(Pause)

WELDEN I guess.

LEE No harm, no foul if I don't know about it?

(Pause)

WELDEN But it's...it's not that way at all.

LEE Did you want the baby at all?

WELDEN (Pause) I did.

LEE After it was too late, after you talked to me yesterday, after you knew what I was taking? (Pause) No.

WELDEN I guess after...like if I hadn't sat there and talked to you really about it.

LEE You didn't do...yes you did. You...yes you did.

WELDEN No. I mean about...

LEE (INAUDIBLE)

WELDEN ...being okay and being (pause)...cause I know I...just my reaction to it, I know it is awful.

LEE I'm there...you know the whole time until Friday you were very adamant against me not having it. You didn't talk to me at all in the car. The day before, when you came over and we sat on the couch, you were really honest



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with me and you told me you didn't want the baby because it was gonna mess up your life. My life is ruined. My life is over now. And you just...the main part of this is you just didn't want Tara to find out.

WELDEN

Well too late.

LEE

But you just...so you went and murdered my baby just so Tara didn't find out?

WELDEN

(Pause) No.

LEE

That was the main point of it. Or you just didn't wanna pay for it?

WELDEN

Pay for it?

LEE

You know like have to pay for diapers or food or whatever.

WELDEN

What?

LEE

Is that all...oh, okay, so it was just Tara and...

WELDEN

I'll pay you out a check for the rest of my life if you want.

LEE

I don't want [REDACTED] money.

WELDEN

I know you don't.

LEE

I never wanted a single red cent from you and you know that. I never asked...

WELDEN

(INAUDIBLE)

LEE

...you for [REDACTED]. I've never asked you for [REDACTED] the entire relationship we've been through. I've paid for your [REDACTED] sometimes.

(Pause)

LEE

But I've never ever...I didn't want anything...I didn't even need you there. I just wanted this baby. And you took that away from me. Who gave you these pills? Who? Brendan?

WELDEN

No.

LEE

Who gave you the pills, Andrew? (Pause) Jen?

WELDEN

Jen?

LEE

The same person...



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WELDEN No.

LEE Where do you get the Adderall from?

WELDEN What Adderall?

LEE Whatever. The Adderall in your car.

WELDEN What Adderall?

LEE You don't have any Adderall? Where do you get all these pills? Where do you get these things from? Where'd you get these...whatever the [REDACTED] that gave me an...an abortion?

(Pause)

WELDEN Why does it matter where I got them from?

LEE Because. Where did you get them from? I wanna know your treachery. I wanna know the full story. I deserve to know. I ate them. Did they come from a drug dealer on the street?

WELDEN No.

LEE Where did you get them then?

(Pause)

WELDEN No just...one of the people I worked with had them. He knew what they did. I asked about it. Ugh...

LEE So you went looking...

WELDEN That's exactly what happened.

LEE ...you went looking...so you're telling me you went looking for someone that could help you get rid of this unsightly problem?

WELDEN No. I was talking about what was going on and I guess...(pause) yeah, I went evil with it.

LEE Wow. Well, can we talk about this later? Will you come visit me? (Pause) I gotta get discharged and outta here.

WELDEN Yes.



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LEE I love you.

WELDEN (Sighing) I love you, too. And I'm sorry.

LEE I don't believe that you're sorry at all.

WELDEN I am. I'm sorry.

LEE I think you're only sorry because you got caught. (Pause) But...I'll call you later. (Pause) Okay?

WELDEN (Crying) All right.

LEE All right. Bye.

END OF CALL

LEE *Well, I'm not crazy.*

MATHEWSON *No. This concludes the interview at 2037 hours on March 31st, 2013.*

END OF RECORDING

sr/Cpl. W. Roeling, #90971, 23 April 2013



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DATE 31 March 2013
TIME 2145 Hours
LOCATION 120 Floral Dr., Tampa, FL 33613
INTERVIEW OF John Andrew Welden
INTERVIEWED BY Det. K. Mathewson, ABN 215439
ALSO PRESENT Det. M. Lowe, ABN 3187

MATHEWSON This is Detective Mathewson of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.
(Pause) Reference HCSO Case Number 13-180856. I'm here with...John
Andrew Welden. If you could speak your name and spell it for me?

WELDEN Uh, John...J-O-H-N...Andrew...A-N-D-R-E-W...Welden...W-E-L-D-E-N.

MATHEWSON And your birthday.

WELDEN Uh, 12/15/84.

MATHEWSON Thank you. I'm here with Detective Lowe, ABN?

LOWE 3187.

MATHEWSON And it's March 31st at approximately...2145 hours. And...we're just here to
investigate what, uh, happened and why, um...uh, is she your girlfriend or
somebody you're...was dating?

WELDEN Yes. Uh, in the past year we were dating, yes.

MATHEWSON Okay. What the...and what is her name?

WELDEN Remelee Lee.

MATHEWSON What happened? Obviously, she's at the hospital now. I'm not fully aware
of what's going on there.

WELDEN Uh...

MATHEWSON (INAUDIBLE)

WELDEN ...she was pregnant and, uh, she told me that she started going in the
horrible cramping after she took supplements that I gave her and, uh...then
she called me today and told me that the baby was lost...uh, that she lost the
baby.

MATHEWSON Oh no, apologize. Sorry.



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WELDEN (INAUDIBLE)

MATHEWSON What, uh...what supplements did you give her?

WELDEN Uh, B6 and, uh...the other one was, uh, green tea.

MATHEWSON Okay.

WELDEN And, uh, we had...we had discussed about using another medication cause (pause) then...we didn't wanna keep it but then we decided...she decided we were and that...

LOWE John, let me stop you for a minute...

WELDEN Sure.

LOWE ...okay. Remember...we're asking you questions that we already have the answers to...

WELDEN Yes.

LOWE ...but we're giving you a chance to be up front and honest. Okay? Uh, again I told you that you're not under arrest.

WELDEN Yes, sir.

LOWE Uh, the door is open. We're in...we're in the car but the...the door's open. But...

WELDEN Uh-huh.

LOWE ...I need you to be honest. Okay?

WELDEN Okay. (Pause) And, uh...

LOWE We...we...we came from the hospital. Okay?

WELDEN Okay.

LOWE Again...so again, we...talked to the medical professionals there. Everything...we pretty much know what happened, okay, just be...

WELDEN Yes.

LOWE ...up front.



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WELDEN Uh...

LOWE Okay. What...what did you give her to terminate the...the pregnancy?

WELDEN It was a, uh...it was Cyotec.

LOWE Can you spell that?

WELDEN Um...C-Y-O-T-E-C, I think.

LOWE Okay. Very good. That...that's...that's all I wanted. Just again, be up front and be honest about your answers and, um, you know it goes a lot better when...when we know you're being honest and truthful. Okay?

WELDEN Yes, sir.

LOWE Okay.

MATHEWSON I'm just gonna remind...re...rewind you a little bit. When did you guys first meet? How did you meet?

WELDEN (Laughing) We met, um...actually at a club, um...she was a dancer at the club.

MATHEWSON Okay.

WELDEN And, uh, I met her there. And, um, we started hanging outside of there and just...kinda going on and off. Uh, and I got back into a past relationship and, uh, we were still kinda dating on and off throughout until just recently and then we had kind of...quit communication.

MATHEWSON How long ago was that?

WELDEN Hmmm, n...not very long ago, maybe two weeks ago.

MATHEWSON So...Saint Patrick's Day was the 17th. What'd you do that day?

WELDEN Uh...

MATHEWSON Do you remember if you went out to a party or anything?

WELDEN ...Saint Paddy's Day, I didn't do anything that day.

MATHEWSON Nothing special? Did you...

WELDEN No.



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MATHEWSON ...had this break up before or after that?

WELDEN I can't remember if it was before or right after.

MATHEWSON Anything that you remember in particular? In the time frame you guys broke up?

WELDEN Uh, no.

MATHEWSON No?

WELDEN No.

MATHEWSON So you guys broke up, uh, about two weeks ago you said?

WELDEN Yes.

MATHEWSON Okay. And when did she tell you she was pregnant?

WELDEN Last week. When I was in, uh, Memphis, Tennessee.

MATHEWSON Okay. How did she tell ya?

WELDEN Uh, over the phone.

MATHEWSON Like over...like speaking or text or...

WELDEN Uh, text.

MATHEWSON Okay. And was she happy about it?

WELDEN Um...at first I...I could tell she was more concerned.

MATHEWSON Uh-huh.

WELDEN And then, uh, after we kinda discussed it, yeah she was more excited about it.

MATHEWSON Okay. How were you feeling?

WELDEN I...guess at first I was more in shock...

MATHEWSON Okay.

WELDEN ...than anything.

MATHEWSON Okay.



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LOWE And we understand what's going on. I...I know that, you know, you're seeing another little girl named Tara. You probably weren't ready for, you know, a family yet, so we kinda get where...where this is going with what's happened here, John, so, you know, just keep that in mind that...you know, we understand what's happening here.

WELDEN Yeah, I understand. (Clearing throat)

MATHEWSON Okay. When did you go...what doctor did you guys take her to? What doctor did she see?

WELDEN Um, she originally just saw my father, who's a gynecologist. Um, and we had an ultrasound with him on Wednesday or Thursday.

MATHEWSON Okay. What's his name?

WELDEN Uh, Doctor Steven Welden.

MATHEWSON Do you know the address of where he works? Uh, the location where his office is?

WELDEN Yes.

MATHEWSON What is that?

WELDEN It's 8409 North Dale Mabry Highway.

MATHEWSON Thank you. Um...do you remember what happened or what time the appointment was during an appointment?

WELDEN Um...it was, um, I think at 1:00...or 2:00 that day, on Thursday.

MATHEWSON Okay.

WELDEN Last Thursday.

MATHEWSON Was it a regular...did your...I guess your dad does regular OB-GYN appointments, but what all happened at the appointment?

WELDEN Um, we took blood work and, uh, we...uh, did an ultrasound.

MATHEWSON Okay.

WELDEN And, uh, she had already taken a pregnancy test and we took another one there.



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MATHEWSON And were they positive or negative?

WELDEN They were all positive. And, uh, then we did the ultrasound. Uh...and then we kind of left and, uh...just talked in the car about everything.

MATHEWSON What were you talking about?

WELDEN Um...I...she was kind of saying like...you know, she doesn't know if she's happy or sad or...fearful or...and I said the same. You know, I guess I'm kind of...in shock still.

MATHEWSON Was there any discussion about keeping the baby, not keeping the baby?

WELDEN Yes, there was both. And then, uh...she just said she never...she never wanted to do that again cause she had done it before in the past.

MATHEWSON Okay. And what was your argument for or against?

WELDEN I said I didn't wanna bring up a, uh, kid into a separated home.

MATHEWSON Okay. So you were, uh, kind of against keeping the baby for that reason?

WELDEN I said, uh...yes cause I grew up in a separated home and I didn't...you know wish that upon it. And, uh...then she said you didn't have to be involved in the child with us or anything. I just said I could...she was kind of wanting me to give up everything and be with her. And, uh, I guess I wasn't, uh...

LOWE Andrew, is it fair to say that at this point she wanted the baby more than you did?

WELDEN Uh, yes.

LOWE Okay. Fair enough. I mean that's...that's an accurate statement. At some point you decided that, um...you wanted to find a way to terminate the pregnancy? Is that fair to say?

WELDEN Yes, sir.

LOWE Okay. Uh, tell me how that went about.

WELDEN Um...(pause) I, uh...ended up just...(pause) I guess telling her that she needed take antibiotic and, uh...

LOWE For what?



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WELDEN I just told her it was bacterial probably...

LOWE Okay.

WELDEN ...a bacterial infection and, uh...

LOWE And what did you ta...did you give her some medicine?

WELDEN Uh, yes, sir, the Cyotec.

LOWE And you told her it was what?

WELDEN Amoxicillin.

LOWE Okay. But it was actually what?

WELDEN Cytotec.

LOWE And what does...what do you know that to do?

WELDEN Uh, causes, uh, uterine contractions and, uh, it's a (INAUDIBLE) and it, uh...cuts off, uh...certain nutrients to the uterus, causes, uh, uterine contractions, uh, softening in the cervix.

LOWE So in the end...what...what...what's the end of, uh, the...the result end of what's gonna happen when you give her that medicine?

WELDEN Usually she'll have a miscarriage.

LOWE Okay. And how do you know that? I mean, uh, where do you learn that?

WELDEN (Pause) I guess from school.

LOWE Where do you go to school at?

WELDEN USF.

LOWE And what are you taking?

WELDEN Uh, medical sciences.

LOWE Okay. All right. So, how did you give it to her without her...knowing what it was?

WELDEN Um...I just set up a time schedule with supplements and everything and she said she was gonna take 'em.



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MATHEWSON Tell me about the bottle, though, because we saw a picture of the bottle.

WELDEN Uh-huh.

MATHEWSON It looks like a prescription bottle and it had her name on it.

WELDEN Yeah. It was just from a label maker and I made it on a label maker. And put it on a prescription bottle?

MATHEWSON Where? How you do that?

WELDEN Um, well a Dyno label maker.

MATHEWSON Like at your...

LOWE (INAUDIBLE)

MATHEWSON ...house or at...

WELDEN Yeah.

MATHEWSON ...work or...

WELDEN Yeah. Well, we have one at work.

MATHEWSON Where you work at?

WELDEN Um, I worked at Premiere, um, Cosmetics and...

MATHEWSON Okay, okay. How come...what was the other label on top of the other label? They're like two separate...

WELDEN They were two different Dyno labels.

MATHEWSON Okay. One looks like a regular prescription bottle label, though.

WELDEN Yes.

MATHEWSON The other one didn't.

WELDEN The other one's just a bigger label. They have different size label makers.

MATHEWSON Okay. Learn something new every day.

WELDEN Yeah.



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MATHEWSON Well (sighing) when...when did you do all that? Then...cause you went to the appointment on Thursday.

WELDEN Yes.

MATHEWSON What happened Thursday? Or this happened Friday? What happened?

WELDEN I guess all...um...on Thursday night (pause). I guess cause we had talked again and, uh, I guess I was freaked out and I (pause)...and I just did the cowardly thing, I guess. To...figure out a way to get out of it.

MATHEWSON When did you make the labels, though?

WELDEN Um, Friday, I guess.

MATHEWSON Friday morning, I presume?

WELDEN Yeah, Friday morning.

MATHEWSON Then...you...where'd you get the pills from?

WELDEN Um...(pause) I...I got them from a friend who, uh...when I talked to him he said he took them for stomach ulcers and, uh...I knew what they did and everything so...

LOWE Was he in on it or did he...

WELDEN No.

LOWE Okay. (Pause) So when did you give her the pills?

WELDEN On Friday.

LOWE Like...tell me how the conversation went. What did you say to her when you gave her the pills?

WELDEN Um...told her you just take these sublingually, uh...

LOWE What does that mean?

WELDEN Dissolve under the tongue. In the mouth or buccally, the gums. And, uh, take your B6, drink everything with water, lots of water and, uh...

LOWE How many did you give her?



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WELDEN I gave her...I gave her a bunch that I...I guess I knew depend...well, if it was gonna work off the first dosage or not.

LOWE Did you, uh...did you alter them?

WELDEN I told her to take two the first dosage and then she could continue with three if...you know.

LOWE Did you alter the pills in any way?

WELDEN Uh, yes.

LOWE What...how did you do that?

WELDEN I took the, uh...the label off of them.

LOWE How did you do that?

WELDEN The marking number.

LOWE How do you do that?

WELDEN They were soft and I knew they were sublingual so they dissolve so they would be easy to scratch off.

LOWE Okay.

WELDEN Just like grinding it against a...you know a nail file.

LOWE What was the reason for that? She...you thought she might know what they were or something?

WELDEN Oh I know...cause I know her (chuckling).

MATHEWSON What...what does that mean? She...does stuff and just researches stuff or is she like a book nerd, computer nerd and just checks stuff out or is she paranoid?

WELDEN Yeah. Paranoid of everyone always. And I guess (INAUDIBLE). Gave her a reason this time.

MATHEWSON Why not just talk to her?

WELDEN We did. And, uh...

MATHEWSON But from finding...confirming she's pregnant on...on Thursday, this is Friday



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afternoon.

WELDEN Yeah.

MATHEWSON Pretty quick.

WELDEN And she said, uh...cause when we just talked about it...she said it gave her a purpose and everything. And I was kinda like, uh, I didn't want a child just...I didn't want a life around that's separated and just because it gives this lady a purpose cause I know she knows exactly about all of this and she's gonna probably go to jail soon, too, and...like it's just I didn't...

MATHEWSON Who's gonna go to jail?

WELDEN Her. Uh...I know she just got...the last time I was with her she got her, uh, third DUI and, uh...and she has assault and stuff against her. And I've...I had to call the cops (chuckling) on her before.

MATHEWSON Okay. The baby in...in jail, State takes custody.

WELDEN Yeah. I just...and I wouldn't want that for anybody. Especially for something that was...a part of me as well.

LOWE Did you go back to her...to her house on Saturday?

WELDEN Yes.

LOWE What was that for?

WELDEN (Pause) Um, I talked to her and she told me everything that was going on, that she was having bleeding, cramping. So I went over to check on her.

LOWE Yeah. And there was another reason. What was that reason?

WELDEN (Pause) Oh, I told her I could take the pills back. But I was really checking on her.

LOWE Okay. And I understand that.

WELDEN I was really concerned with her.

LOWE What, uh...what made you at this point decide to take the pills back?

WELDEN Cause I didn't want her to take any more (snickering). I...I knew they had already started so...



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LOWE And what were you gonna do with the pills if you got 'em back? Be honest.

WELDEN I'd just get rid of 'em.

LOWE Okay. Well that's good. I thought I'd ask. Uh...so is it fair to say that you didn't get these pills at any pharmacy?

WELDEN (Pause) No, I did.

LOWE You did get 'em from a pharmacy?

WELDEN Yes.

LOWE How?

WELDEN Cause I wrote a script for them.

LOWE And where'd you get the script from?

WELDEN From my father's office.

LOWE Does he know you, uh...you got that?

WELDEN No.

LOWE Okay. And so...you pulled it out and took it to a pharmacy?

WELDEN Uh-huh.

LOWE Which one?

WELDEN Uh, Sunlake.

LOWE Sunlake?

WELDEN Uh-huh.

LOWE Where's that at?

WELDEN It's off of, uh, Dale Mabry and Lutz Lake Fern.

LOWE Okay. Sunlake Pharmacy?

WELDEN Yes, sir.

LOWE And so you...filled out a prescription...and in whose name?



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WELDEN In his...

LOWE Who is...

WELDEN ...his name, my dad's name.

LOWE You signed his name?

WELDEN Yes, sir.

LOWE And...and who was the prescription for?

WELDEN Me.

LOWE Okay. So you took a prescription...page from your father's office and made a prescription out for you and signed his name?

WELDEN Yes, sir.

LOWE For what?

WELDEN The Cyotec.

LOWE And how many pills?

WELDEN Well, they didn't sell 'em in short quantity, only in bulk or something so I had to get like sixty of 'em.

LOWE Wow. So you paid for sixty of 'em?

WELDEN Yes.

LOWE What'd that cost ya?

WELDEN Like fifty bucks, fifty-four or something.

LOWE Wow. When did you fill the prescription?

WELDEN On Friday.

LOWE Morning? Friday...

WELDEN Friday morning.

LOWE ...Friday morning? Okay. Um...what'd you do with the rest of the pills?



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WELDEN Um, I just threw 'em away. Cause I knew I wouldn't (chuckling)...I wouldn't need that many at all.

LOWE So how many do you think you gave or put in a bottle for, uh...for Remece?

WELDEN Um...twenty-three.

LOWE Twenty-three?

WELDEN Yes.

LOWE How'd you come up with that number?

WELDEN Um...cause if it was an antibiotic, it would be given for like a few days. And I... you know I couldn't just put two pills in there.

LOWE Okay. Fair enough. Appreciate your honesty.

MATHEWSON I'm just not...I'm just not understanding your...your quick decision and just... it kind of...just quick.

WELDEN (INAUDIBLE)

MATHEWSON Did you talk to anybody about this? Did you...

WELDEN No.

MATHEWSON What were you...what...what...what was going through your mind? What were you fearful of when you went...and...your father's office, here at the house, at work?

WELDEN Everywhere. He had...

MATHEWSON Where were the prescription pads at?

WELDEN Oh, at my dad's office.

MATHEWSON At...at work?

WELDEN Yeah.

MATHEWSON Okay. But you...you had some kinda thought process going on. What was so scared...what...what made you so scared...for this baby to be born?

WELDEN (Pause) I guess, um, everyone would've known what was going on with me



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and lying and cheating and...

MATHEWSON What were you lying about? Who was...

WELDEN I mean...

MATHEWSON Besides dating other girls, that's...it is what it is. It happens. It's life. Man, people break up, that happens.

WELDEN Yeah.

MATHEWSON You...seem like a reasonable guy, you turned out okay with a divided family. Unless there's some hidden secret in your background I don't know about (INAUDIBLE)...

WELDEN And, uh, really if I...go that irrational I guess.

MATHEWSON But you know what? It's human nature for people to have debates about keeping a baby, not keeping a baby. It's natural. It happens. It's com...common fight.

WELDEN Yeah. (Pause) Well I guess I...just went with impulse cause I was so scared.

LOWE What day did you, uh, take that prescription?

WELDEN Friday.

LOWE So you went to your dad's office or...

WELDEN Yes.

LOWE Uh, where was he? I mean, where was everybody at?

WELDEN Everybody just working.

LOWE So you work at your dad's office?

WELDEN Yes.

LOWE Okay. But nobody knows you took it?

WELDEN No.

LOWE Did you just take one or more?

WELDEN Oh, just one. Yeah. (Pause) That's the...yeah, that's the first time I've done



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it. You can check with any pharmacy.

LOWE

Okay. Fair enough. All right. I appreciate it, Andrew. I...I don't have any more questions.

WELDEN

Very good.

MATHEWSON

I don't...have any more questions. This concludes the interview at 2206 hours.

END OF INTERVIEW

sr/Cpl. W. Roeling, #90971, 23 April 2013

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TIME 0828 Hours
LOCATION 18944 N. Dale Mabry Hwy., Suite 101, Lutz, Fl
INTERVIEW OF Dr. Stephen Welden
INTERVIEWED BY Det. M. Lowe, ABN 3187
ALSO PRESENT Det. T. Pettis, ABN 4765; Timothy Fitzgerald, Esq.

(Laughing)

LOWE My name is D...Detective Manny Lowe, PID 3187. Uh, this is in reference to Case Number 180856...13-180856. The date is 4/9 of '13. The time is 0828 hours. The location of this interview is Doctor Welden's office at 18944 North Dale Mabry Highway, Suite 101, Lutz, Florida. This is a taped interview with Doctor Stephen Welden. Doctor Welden, uh, uh, you okay with me, uh...giving me a taped interview this morning, sir?

WELDEN Yes.

LOWE Okay. Thank you. Also present is his attorney, uh, Timothy Fitzgerald, and Detective Tom Pettis. Uh...and Doctor Welden, we...we, uh, started the interview last week and...and decided to reschedule today so that we could be more prepared and, uh...and just have, uh, again some questions to ask, uh, regarding, um (sighing)...I guess it would be a relationship between, uh, a lady by the name of Remee Jo Lee...are you familiar with her, sir?

WELDEN Yes.

LOWE Okay. And your son, John Andrew Welden?

WELDEN Yes.

LOWE Okay. Um (clearing throat)...(pause)...at any point did you examine or treat Remee Jo Lee?

(Clearing throat)

WELDEN I did an ultrasound.

LOWE Okay. Was this on the...the 28th of March? Does that sound right?

WELDEN Uhhhh, yes, sir.

LOWE Okay. And what was the reason for her visit, sir?

WELDEN (Pause) She was, uh...bleeding and cramping and wanted assurance that, uh,

either the pregnancy was okay or that she was about to miscarry.

LOWE Okay. And...what was the basis of your findings that day?

WELDEN On ultrasound, uh, there was a viable pregnancy.

LOWE Okay. Did, uh, there seem to be any problems with the baby at that point?

WELDEN No, sir.

LOWE Okay. So it appeared to be a healthy fetus at that point?

WELDEN It's an embryo at that point. (INAUDIBLE)

LOWE I apologize (laughing). Thank you for...for correcting. (Clearing throat)

PETTIS Was she in fact bleeding? Did she...was there any, uh, bleeding present at that point?

WELDEN Yes, sir.

LOWE Uh...did you prescribe any medications or any other treatment that day?

WELDEN Uh, bed rest.

LOWE Okay. How about any prescription drugs?

WELDEN No, sir.

LOWE Okay. (Pause) Okay. Which leads me to my next question. (Clearing throat) Um...I'm sorry, let me go back to that. Was your, uh...was your wife Lenora present...during that visit with Remelee Jo?

WELDEN Uh, she was here. I don't believe she was in the room.

LOWE Okay. Did you by chance hear, uh, Lenora ask John if he still needed those pills?

WELDEN No, sir.

LOWE Okay. (Pause) Does John work for you?

WELDEN No, sir.

LOWE He's not employed here?

WELDEN He works for Lenora.

LOWE Okay. He works for...

WELDEN For my wife.

LOWE ...he works for the practice under her supervision? Is that fair to say?

WELDEN No, sir. She...

LOWE Okay.

WELDEN ...has a different business.

LOWE I understand. Okay. And what is her business?

WELDEN Uh, she owns, uh, Premiere Weight Loss Center right next door.

LOWE I understand. And what does your practice here involve?

WELDEN Uh, gynecology and infertility.

LOWE Okay. (Pause) Does John have access...to any place where you might have, uh, prescription pads available?

WELDEN Yes.

LOWE Okay. And what I'm gonna show you here, this is a prescription that was filled under your prescription pad.

(Clearing throat)

WELDEN Yes.

LOWE Is that your signature, sir?

WELDEN (Pause) Uh, no.

LOWE Okay. Does your son...son John have permission to sign...your signature on any prescriptions or anything else?

WELDEN No.

LOWE Okay. So you did not prescribe that medication for Remelee Jo Lee?

WELDEN No, sir.

LOWE Okay.

PETTIS Are you fam...familiar with the medication that's on that prescription?
Which, I'm sure you are.

WELDEN A little.

PETTIS Is it something you normally prescribe or have you ever prescribed that in
the past?

WELDEN Uh, yes.

PETTIS You...you have prescribed it in the past?

WELDEN Yes. But we don't use it any longer.

PETTIS Okay.

LOWE And what have you, eh, prescribed it for? What is it used for?

WELDEN Uh, it's used, uh, in my case to soften up the cervix before a, uh, surgical
procedure we do in the office called hysteroscopy, where we look inside the
uterus to make sure there's no, uh, abnormalities that would interfere with the
implantation of a pregnancy.

LOWE I understand. Okay.

 (Phone ringing in background)

PETTIS Some people would, uh, equate that drug and some people that aren't as
knowledgeable as you, like myself, would equate that drug with being a, uh...a
drug that is, I don't know...I don't know if this is the correct term to use but
the...the morning after pill or pill used to abort a fetus. Is it used for that?
Can it be used for that? And does it...and...and it appears to me, based on your
description, that it has multiple uses or uses other than that as well. Is
that...would that be correct?

WELDEN Yes, it has multiple uses.

PETTIS Okay. But is one of the...one of the uses of that drug for, uh...to...I don't know
what the word I'm looking for here is, but it...could it be used to, uh, abort a
fetus?

WELDEN It could, yes.

PETTIS Or could (INAUDIBLE)...

WELDEN In a real early pregnancy.

PETTIS I see. Okay.
(Pause)

LOWE Did you, uh, find or did you indicate to Remee that day that she had any type of infection?

WELDEN No, sir.

LOWE Okay. And you did not prescribe for her any Amoxicillin?

WELDEN No, sir.

LOWE Okay. (Pause) Were you aware at all, at any point, that...John had, uh, taken a prescription from your office?

WELDEN No, sir.

LOWE Were you ever contacted by Sunlake Pharmacy in reference to the Cytotec that John had, uh...taken the prescription over there for? (Pause) Did they ever contact you to verify or to talk to you about the prescription that John filled there?

WELDEN No, sir.

LOWE Okay.

PETTIS Was, uh...was John...I think...I think you mentioned or you answered his question about your wife...but she was not present in your office when you...did the...I mean she may have been in the building...

WELDEN She was here.

PETTIS ...but...

WELDEN And...I have not...I honestly don't recall if she was in the room or not.

PETTIS Okay. And I'd like to ask you the same question about John. You know was...

WELDEN John was in the room. Yes, sir.

PETTIS He was in the room. Okay.

LOWE Uh...did John, uh...have any...

WELDEN I call him Andrew but...

LOWE I'm sorry. Yeah. Rem...Remee does, too.

 (Laughing)

LOWE I should know that. Uh, she...she tells everybody calls him Andrew. Uh, did Andrew have, uh, any questions or any input during or after the examination, uh, uh, about her pregnancy?

WELDEN No, sir.

LOWE Okay. Um, what I have here is what's called a, uh...it's a forgery affidavit. And basically says that, before me the undersigned Deputy Sheriff has, uh, personally appeared...uh, it says that you've examined the doctor which I've showed you the prescription and that the signature is not your signature. Uh...and that, uh...uh...(pause) that it's a forgery basically. Uh, if I could I'd like to get you to sign this affidavit saying that, uh...that the name that is signed is your name on that form is not your signature.

WELDEN Well, it would be a very good forgery but...I can only say that with absolute certainty because I wouldn't prescribe those drugs or at these doses.

 (Pause)

PETTIS I...I...I think the form...the form doesn't say that you know who signed, uh...whose signature that is, only that it's not yours.

WELDEN Correct.

 (Pause)

WELDEN So I should make my signature look different.

 (Laughing)

PETTIS Yeah. Uh...

LOWE (INAUDIBLE)

WELDEN Do I need to fill out the top or anything?

FITZGERALD I...I think it's there. Why don't you...why don't...

LOWE Print your name.

FITZGERALD Can we identify this document?

LOWE Yes.

FITZGERALD So we...

LOWE The...the document is the prescription that we are making reference to...

FITZGERALD Right.

LOWE ...that was filled...

FITZGERALD Should we put the date in here? Dated...March 29th.

LOWE His name goes here and then the address here. And...the document which we're stating is dated, uh, the 29th. And then he'll sign his name here.

FITZGERALD Right. So (INAUDIBLE) March 29th. Here.
(Pause while signing document)

LOWE (Clearing throat)

WELDEN And then just sign my name down here?

LOWE Yes, sir.
(Pause)

LOWE And at the top, if you will...print your name here and then put the address here.
(Pause)

LOWE Have you had a chance to look over the, uh, medical records for, uh, Miss Lee? And will I be able to get those today?

FITZGERALD Yes.

LOWE Okay. Thank you. Very good.
(Pause)

LOWE Thank you, sir.

(Pause)

LOWE And today is the 9th...of April.

(Pause while signing form)

LOWE Okay. I don't have any more questions at this point. Tom, do you?

PETTIS No. (INAUDIBLE)

LOWE Doctor, if you would raise your right hand for me. Do you swear and affirm that all the infor...all the information you have provided is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge?

WELDEN Yes, sir.

LOWE Thank you very much. That concludes the interview at 0840 hours.

END OF INTERVIEW

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